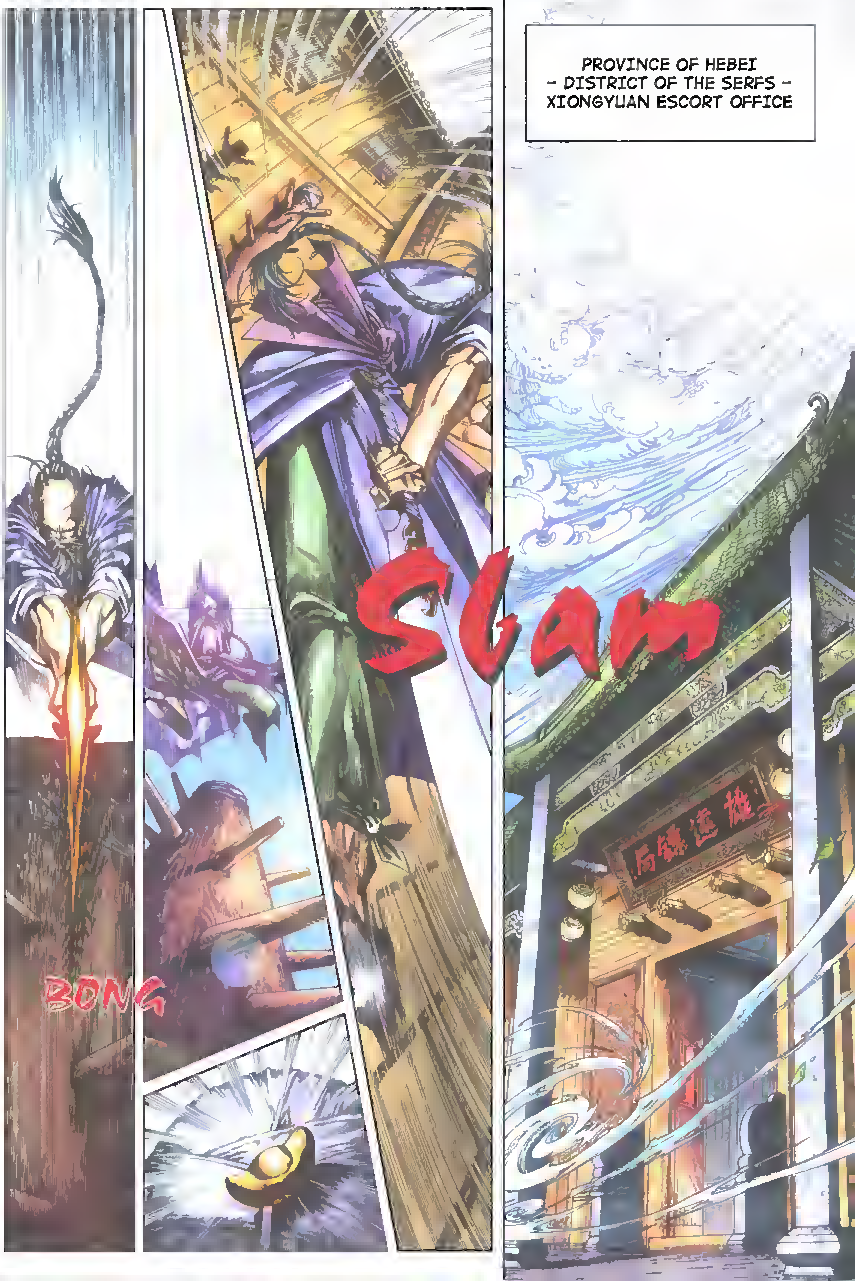
YU XIULIAN


PROVINCE OF HEBEI
- DISTRICT OF THE SERFS -
XIONGYUAN ESCORT OFFICE
SLAM
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I'M GETTING OLD !
I, YU XIONGYUAN, ESCORT CHIEF FOR 50 YEARS
FATHER'S SKILL IS NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE
I'VE UNDERMINED TYRANTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, ADMINISTERED JUSTICE ON MANY OCCASIONS I CANNOT ALLOW MYSELF TO GROW OLD !
SCHZAC

YOUR WUSHU COULD BE THE BEST, BUT YOU ARE STILL A WOMAN! OUR ESCORT OFFICE HASN'T HAD ANY CLIENTS FOR A LONG TIME. ONLY THE THREE OF US REMAIN AND IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN
WHAT COULD TWO OLD PEOPLE LIKE US DO ?
BUT IT'S THE CELEBRATION OF THE DEAD. SO WE MUST VISIT OUR ANCESTORS' GRAVES. HOW COULD WE MISS OUT ON SUCH A CUSTOM? IF FATHER'S ENEMIES SHOW UP, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM !
ALL THOSE YEARS FATHER SPENT TEACHING ME WUSHU HAVE NOT BEEN IN VAIN
I'M READY !
WE MUST STAY ALERT... XIULIAN, ASK YOUR FATHER NOT TO GO OUT TODAY WILL YOU?
MOTHER, REST ASSURED, NO ONE COULD WANT TO HARM US !
NO, IT'S ALREADY LATE LET'S GO !
FATHER, COME IN AND REST A BIT !

YOU'RE GOING TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE DEAD ?
MASTER YU !
AH !
OF COURSE
SHE CERTAINLY DESERVES TO BE CONSIDERED THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE VILLAGE !
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST SAW YOU XIULIAN !
YOU TALK TOO MUCH, BE CAREFUL !
SUCH A BEAUTIFUL FACE— SUCH GLITTERING EYES— A MOUTH, FOREVER SMILING— AND THOSE TWO LITTLE DIMPLES. YOU JUST CAN'T RESIST HER CHARM !

FATHER LOOK HOW HIGH THE WHEAT STALKS ARE !
HMM THIS YEAR WILL BE A GOOD HARVEST !
PLOP

YU XIONGYUAN, STOP!
THE 2ND TIGER
SO THEY CAME...
THE 7TH TIGER
2ND DRAGON AND 7TH DRAGON, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM!

DON'T WORRY.
XIULIAN, STAY HERE AND PROTECT YOUR MOTHER
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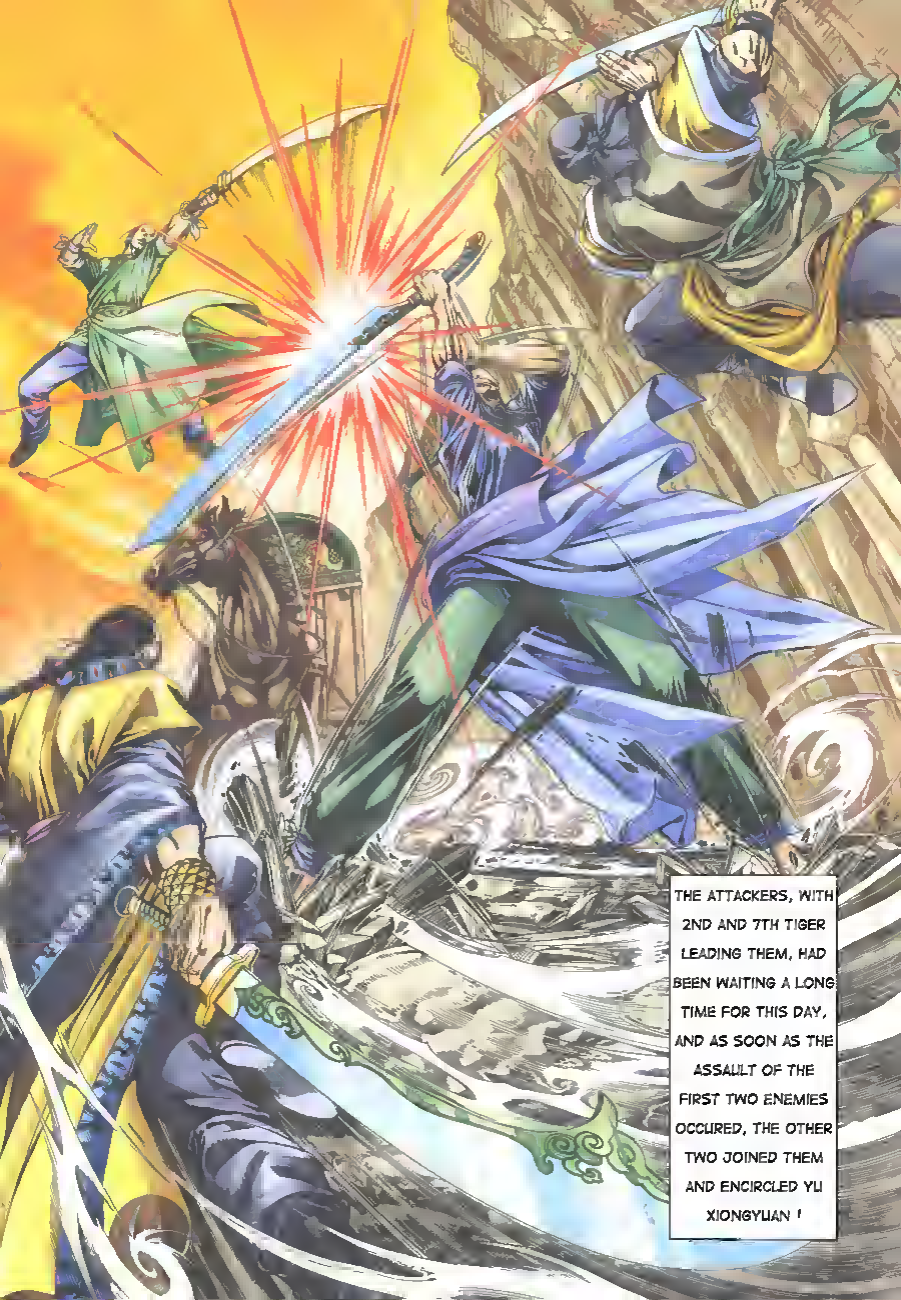
YU XIONGYUAN, YOUR TIME HAS COME !


THE ATTACKERS, WITH 2ND AND 7TH TIGER LEADING THEM, HAD BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME FOR THIS DAY, AND AS SOON AS THE ASSAULT OF THE FIRST TWO ENEMIES OCCURED, THE OTHER TWO JOINED THEM AND ENCIRCLED YU XIONGYUAN !

YU XIONGYUAN AVOIDED THE FIRST TWO HITS AND PARRIED AN ATTACK, BUT WAS EVENTUALLY HIT ON THE LEFT ARM
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YU XIONGYANG, YOU'RE GETTING OLD YOU'RE FINISHED !
THIS PLACE WILL BECOME YOUR GRAVE !
MOTHER, ABOVE ALL, DON'T GO OUT !
I WILL AVENGE THE DEATH OF MY FATHER !

LET'S KILL HIM !
YU XIONGYUAN'S STRENGTH IS DEPLETED. IF HIS ATTACKERS REGROUP, IT WILL BE THE END !
FIGHT
WITH HER LIGHT-STEP WUSHU, YU XIULIAN SEEMS TO FLY OVER HER ENEMIES
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO HOLD A SWORD, YET YOU WANT TO KILL? THAT'S RIDICULOUS !

YOU WANT TO DIE ?
THE TWO MEN ARE ABOUT TO BRING THEIR SWORDS DOWN ON YU XIULIAN WHEN SHE EXECUTES A RAPID TURN AND LANDS BEHIND THEM
Flop
Bam
YOUR STYLE IS AWFUL ! I WONDER IF YOU'RE BETTER WITH A SWORD ?

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IN ADDITION TO HER TWO SWORDS, YU XIULIAN GETS AHOLD OF HER ADVERSARY'S AND LAUNCHES A THREE-SWORD ATTACK AGAINST THE OTHER MAN !
GIVE ME YOUR SWORD THEN !
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SHE SUCCEEDS IN DISARMING HIM
VERY QUICKLY, SHE MAKES THEM SKIP AND THROWS THEM -

BE CARE-FUL !
THE SWORDS ARE HEADING TOWARDS 2ND AND 7TH TIGER FORCING THEM TO ABANDON THEIR ASSAULT AGAINST YU XIONGYUAN

Clans
YOUR MEN ARE INJURED, LEAVE BEFORE SOME OF THEM DIE !

YU XIONGYUAN, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A DAUGHTER !
AND THAT SHE COULD FIGHT.
THE MEN FROM THE VILLAGE ARRIVED
WHY ARE YOU AFTER MASTER YU ?

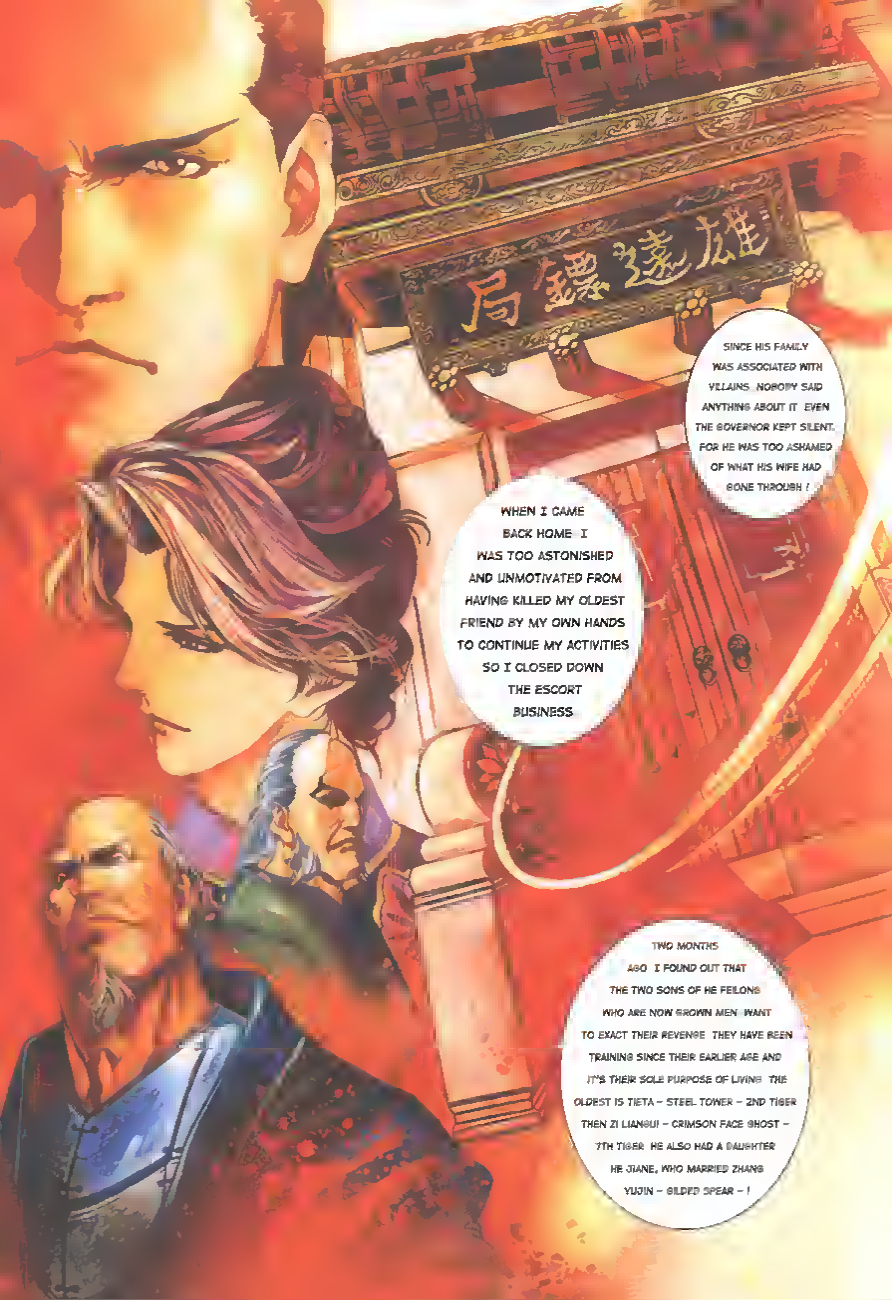
YOU WON'T HURT THEM AT ALL !
BIND THOSE VILLAINS AND BRING THEM TO THE COURT !
DON'T DO IT ! THEY ARE NOT CRIMINALS I HAVE A MATTER TO DEAL WITH THEM AND YOU ARE NOT PART OF IT YOU SHALL LET THEM GO !

WE'LL MEET AGAIN !
PFF !
I HAVE SPENT HALF MY LIFE TRAVELING ACROSS THE COUNTRY SO IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT I HAVE SOME ENEMIES
MASTER YU, WHY ARE YOU LETTING THEM GO ?
I'M OLD NOW, LET TIME HEAL THINGS !
THANKS TO YOU, MY LIFE HAS BEEN SPARED.

IT'S AN OLD STORY FROM SIX YEARS AGO, YOU REMEMBER... I WENT TO THE PROVINCE OF HENAN AND WHEN I RETURNED, I HAD CLOSED DOWN MY ESCORT BUSINESS
A LONG TIME AGO...
XILLIAN, IF YOU HADN'T BEEN HERE... I WOULD HAVE BEEN DONE FOR.
FATHER, WHO WERE THOSE MEN ?
YOUR UNCLE HE FEILONG - EXPERT SWORDSMAN - WAS A CHILDHOOD FRIEND
WE WERE BOTH BODYGUARDS IN PEKING, AND WE WERE LIKE BROTHERS
HOWEVER HE TOOK TO LIKING CUTE GIRLS FROM HIGH CLASS FAMILIES A BIT TOO MUCH
ONE DAY, FOR A WOMAN, HE KILLED A JEALOUS YOUNG MAN BY ACCIDENT

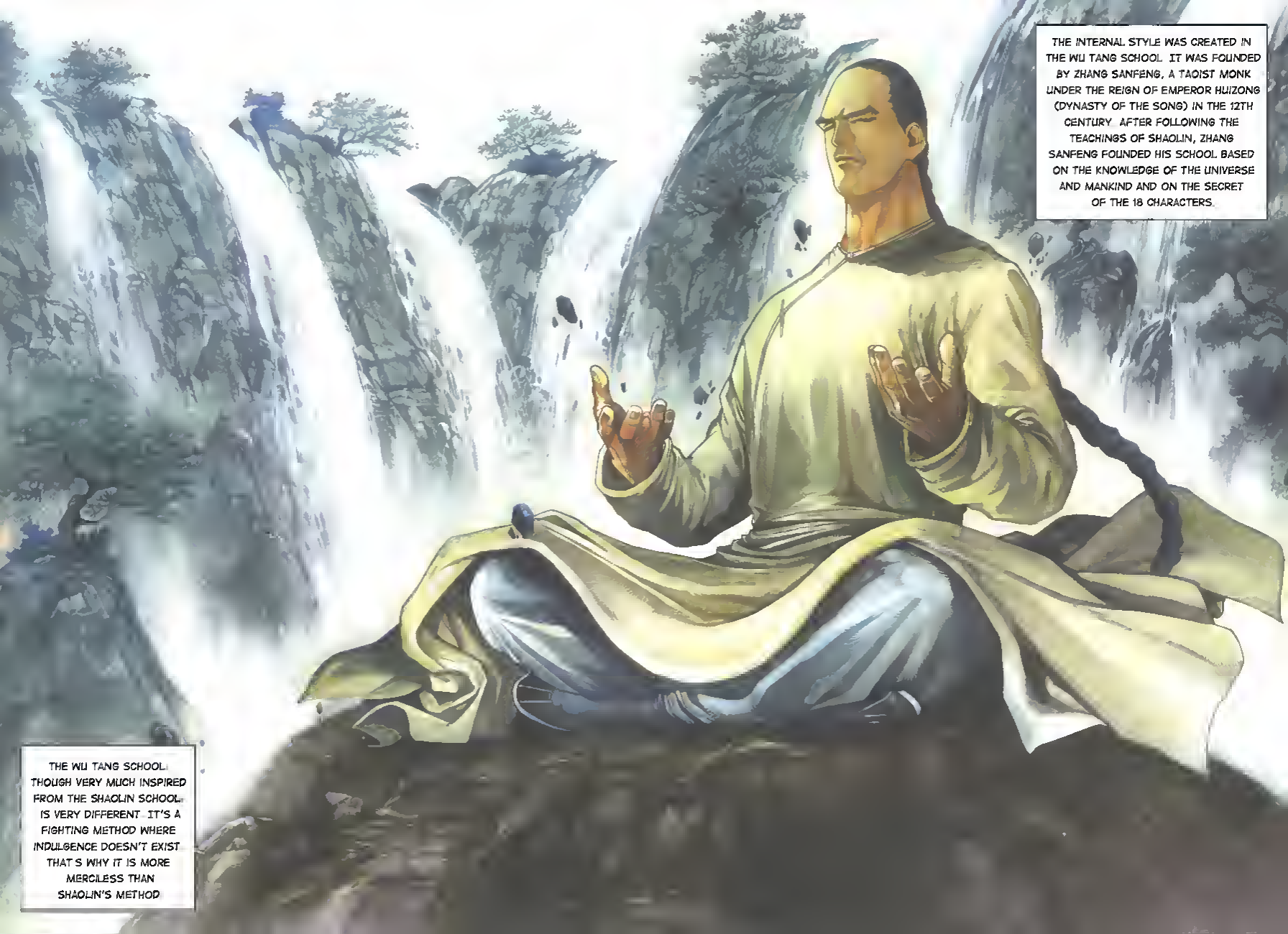
I GAVE HIM SOME MONEY AND HELPED HIM TO FLEE TO THE PROVINCE OF HENAN.
LATER, I HEARD THAT AFTER BECOMING A VILLAIN, HE BECAME RICH, HAD A HOUSE, A WIFE, AND CHILDREN.
SIX YEARS AGO, I RECEIVED AN ESCORT CONTRACT FROM THE GOVERNOR OF HENAN. I SENT TWO OF MY MEN WITH MY COMMERCIAL CERTIFICATE.
THERE, HE FELLOW FORMED AN ALLIANCE WITH SOME VILLAINS AND KIDNAPPED THE GOVERNOR!

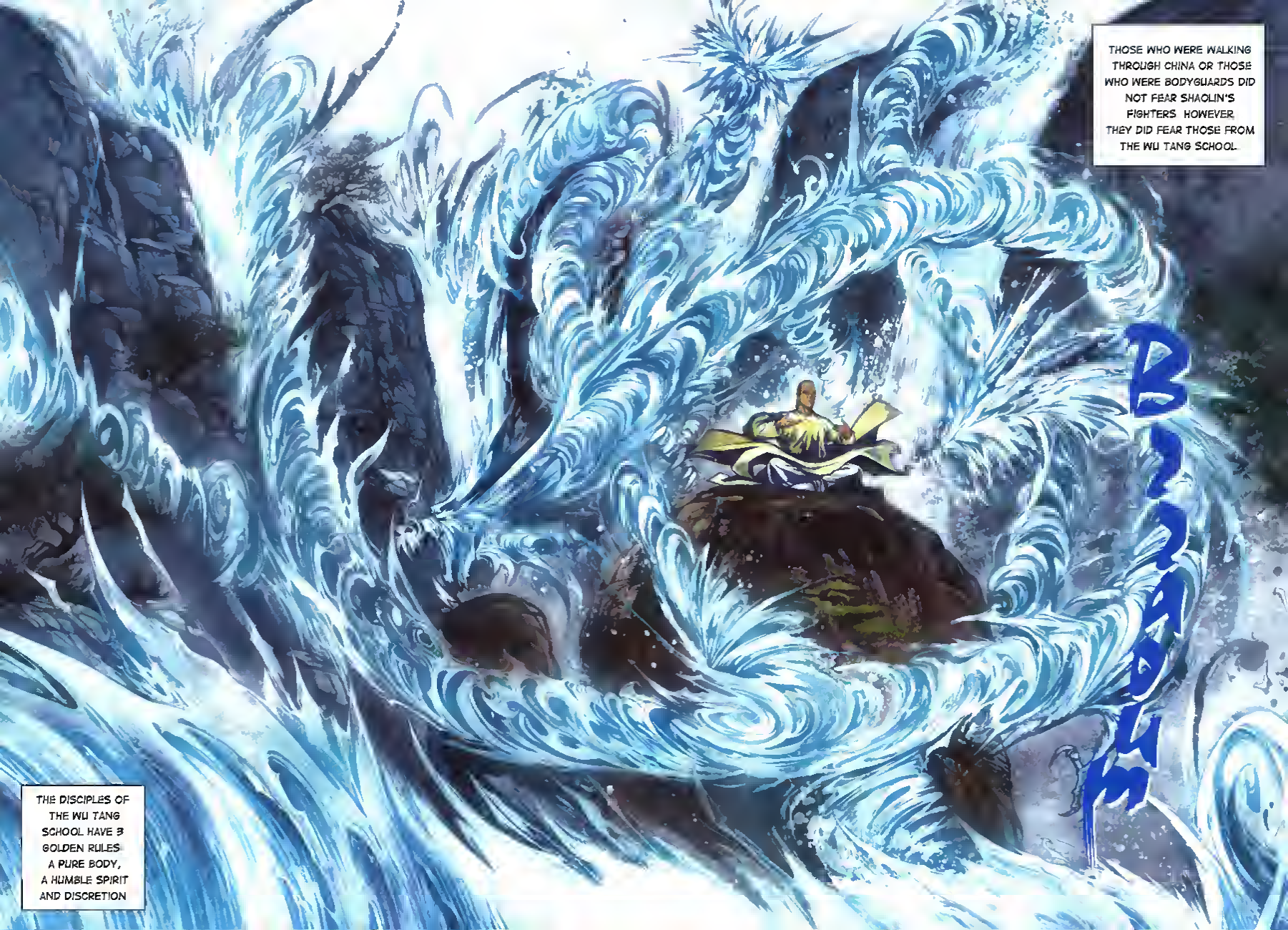
THEY ALSO TOOK HIS YOUNG WIFE AS A HOSTAGE AND KEPT HER PRISONER IN A TEMPLE FOR 3 DAYS
I WAS FURIOUS WHEN I HEARD THE NEWS AND I WENT TO MEET HIM IN THE NAME OF OUR OLD FRIENDSHIP, BUT HE WOULDN'T LISTEN TO ME
WE HAD A FIGHT AND I KILLED HIM !


SINCE HIS FAMILY WAS ASSOCIATED WITH VILLAINS, NOBODY SAID ANYTHING ABOUT IT. EVEN THE GOVERNOR KEPT SILENT, FOR HE WAS TOO ASHAMED OF WHAT HIS WIFE HAD GONE THROUGH !
WHEN I CAME BACK HOME, I WAS TOO ASTONISHED AND UNMOTIVATED FROM HAVING KILLED MY OLDEST FRIEND BY MY OWN HANDS TO CONTINUE MY ACTIVITIES SO I CLOSED DOWN THE ESCORT BUSINESS
TWO MONTHS AGO, I FOUND OUT THAT THE TWO SONS OF HE FEILONG WHO ARE NOW GROWN MEN, WANT TO EXACT THEIR REVENGE. THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINING SINCE THEIR EARLIER AGE AND IT'S THEIR SOLE PURPOSE OF LIVING. THE OLDEST IS TIETA – STEEL TOWER – 2ND TIGER THEN ZI LIANGUI – CRIMSON FACE GHOST – 7TH TIGER. HE ALSO HAD A DAUGHTER HE JIANE, WHO MARRIED ZHANG YUJIN – GILDED SPEAR – !

DON'T SAY THAT! I ESPECIALLY FEAR ZHANG YUJIN !
HIS SKILLS ARE HIGH AND HE HAS NEVER LOST! HE MARRIED THE DAUGHTER OF HE FEILONG HE WON'T SPARE ME !
FATHER, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, THEY AREN'T SKILLED ENOUGH !
I UNDERESTIMATED YOUR KUNG-FU BECAUSE EVEN A WOMAN STRONG WITH HER HANDS OR WITH A SWORD IS NO MATCH FOR A MAN
ONLY A FIGHT WILL TELL
BUT THEN, YOU IMPRESSED ME WITH YOUR COURAGE AND YOUR SKILL.

THE TRADITIONAL CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES: THE INTERNAL STYLE AND THE EXTERNAL STYLE. THE LAST ONE IS FROM THE SHAOLIN SCHOOL. BODDHI DHARMA IS THE MYTHICAL FOUNDER OF THE SCHOOL OF CHAN (ZEN) AND WOULD HAVE LIVED IN THE 6TH CENTURY (DYNASTY OF THE WEI). THE EXTERNAL STYLE CONSISTS OF DEVELOPING SKILLS WHEN FACING AGGRESSIVE SITUATIONS AND TO CONTROL ONE'S FEAR. IT ISN'T A TECHNIQUE DESIGNED TO KILL
THE DISTURBED TIMES WHICH FOLLOWED SAW AN INCREASE OF FOLLOWERS AND THE TEACHINGS HAVE THUS SPREAD ALL OVER CHINA, LOSING LITTLE BY LITTLE THE SPIRIT OF ITS CREATOR


THE INTERNAL STYLE WAS CREATED IN THE WU TANG SCHOOL. IT WAS FOUNDED BY ZHANG SANFENG, A TAOIST MONK UNDER THE REIGN OF EMPEROR HUIZONG (DYNASTY OF THE SONG) IN THE 12TH CENTURY. AFTER FOLLOWING THE TEACHINGS OF SHAOLIN, ZHANG SANFENG FOUNDED HIS SCHOOL BASED ON THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNIVERSE AND MANKIND AND ON THE SECRET OF THE 18 CHARACTERS.
THE WU TANG SCHOOL, THOUGH VERY MUCH INSPIRED FROM THE SHAOLIN SCHOOL, IS VERY DIFFERENT. IT'S A FIGHTING METHOD WHERE INDULGENCE DOESN'T EXIST. THAT'S WHY IT IS MORE MERCILESS THAN SHAOLIN'S METHOD.


THOSE WHO WERE WALKING THROUGH CHINA OR THOSE WHO WERE BODYGUARDS DID NOT FEAR SHAOLIN'S FIGHTERS HOWEVER THEY DID FEAR THOSE FROM THE WU TANG SCHOOL
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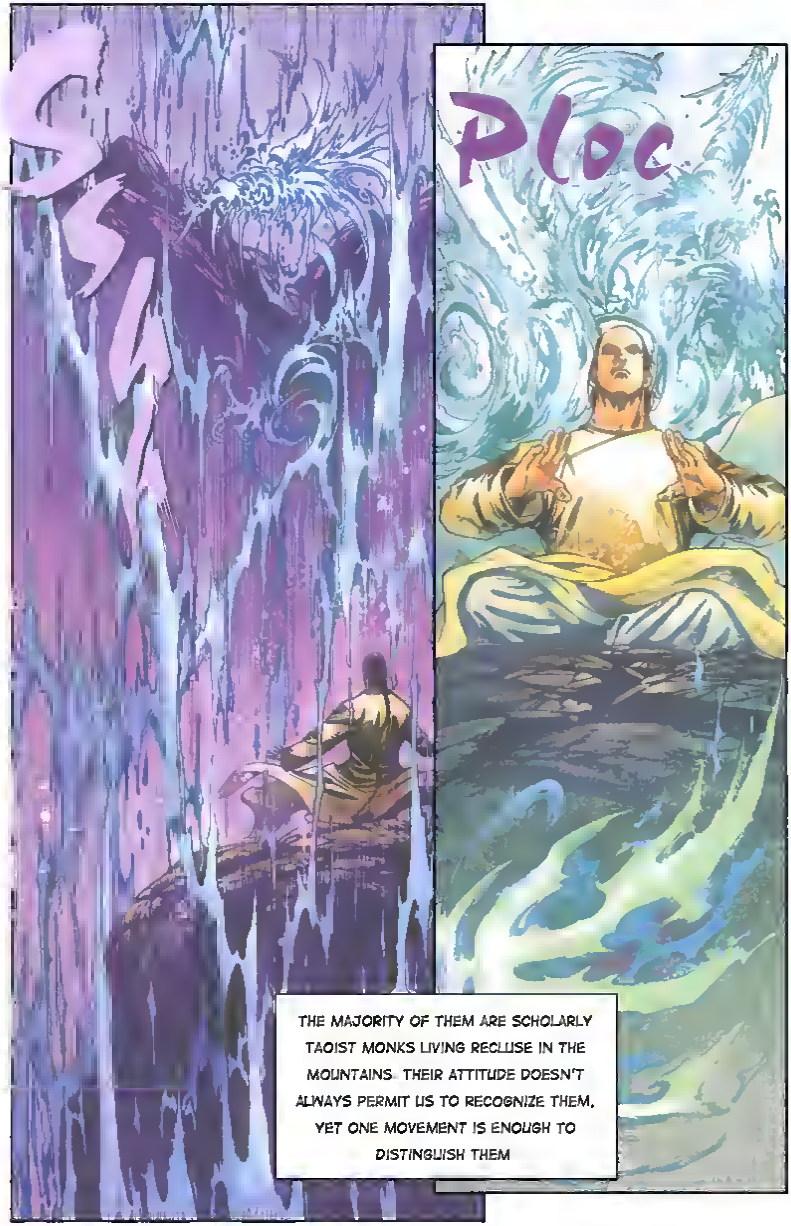
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THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE SCHOLARLY TAOIST MONKS LIVING RECLUSE IN THE MOUNTAINS. THEIR ATTITUDE DOESN'T ALWAYS PERMIT US TO RECOGNIZE THEM. YET ONE MOVEMENT IS ENOUGH TO DISTINGUISH THEM